

PONTYCLUN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Pontyclun Community Council, held at the Pontyclun Community Centre, Pontyclun, on Monday, 29 April, 1985 at 7.30 pm.

PRESENT: Community Councillors Miss A M Bath, Dr I D Bowen, Dr S M Bowen, Mr E J Francis, Mr V P James, Mr R C Kennard (Chairman), Mr F G Monckton, Mr R G Norman and Mrs O P Phillips.

1. Apologies for Absence

An apology for absence was received on behalf of Councillor Mrs A Burton.

2. Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the inaugural meeting of 3 April, 1985 be approved as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

(a) Insurance Cover

Members discussed the categories and levels of insurance cover required.

Resolved: that the item be deferred to the Council's Meeting of 3 June 1985 when members will have had the benefit of an address by a representative of the Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils. Until that time the Clerk be instructed to:-

- (i) arrange an extension of the temporary insurance cover.
- (ii) obtain an estimate of the complete rebuilding costs of the Pontyclun public toilets.
- (iii) establish the practice of the Llantrisant Community Council in insuring bus shelters.

(b) Operating Procedure

Resolved: that a working party comprising the Chairman, Councillors Miss A M Bath and Mr V P James, together with the Clerk, meet at 7.00 pm on Monday 13 May, 1985, to produce draft standing orders for presentation to the Council at its meeting of 3 June 1985.

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(c) Welsh Association of Community and Town Councils

The Clerk reported that both Mr Cyril Hughes, the General Secretary and Mr Alan Rosser, the local Secretary had prior engagements for the evening of 29 April, 1985 and would be unable to make the presentation the Council had requested.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the General Secretary again with a view to a representative of the Association giving a presentation to the Council at its Meeting of 3 June 1985.

(d) Public Toilets

(i) The Clerk reported that there had been a delay in the receipt of the precept from the Taff Ely Borough Council. The Community Council's bankers had not received any moneys until 22 April, 1985. The delay had necessitated special arrangements with the bankers to cover the wages of the Council's cleaner/caretaker for the three weeks ending 7, 14 and 21 April, 1985.

(ii) The Clerk reported that a survey of the building's structure had taken place on 26 April, 1985. The survey had revealed no major structural defects although there were many minor items which required attention. A comprehensive list of items requiring attention would be reported to the next Meeting of the Council.

(iii) The Clerk reported that despite having made arrangements with a local builder for the broken pane of glass to be renewed as a matter of urgency, the pane had still not been replaced.

Resolved: that the Clerk inform the builder that his services were no longer required and that the work be given to another local builder. Additionally, that following the site meeting of 4 April, 1985, two further panes be renewed and wire mesh be fixed to the outside of those windows not presently covered by wire mesh.

(e) Right of way over River Ely at
Llantrisant Station - replacement bridge

Members were informed that following the site meeting of 4 April, 1985 an approach had been made to British Rail to ascertain whether there was any objection to members of the public using the approach road and bridge to the engine sheds/goods yard as an alternative method of crossing the River Ely. The Clerk reported that there had been some difficulty in locating the responsible person in British Rail and that no decision had been forthcoming. Councillor Norman suggested that it might be useful to contact a Mr Hoyle since it was he who was contacted some years previously about use of British Rail property in connection with a local carnival.

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(f) Maesyfelin Bridge

Members were told of the site meeting which had taken place on 4 April, 1985 and the subsequent conversations which had taken place with Mr David Evans of the Mid Glamorgan County Council. It appeared that the County Council fully accepted the responsibility to make the bridge, and its approach at the southern end, safe for members of the public. Although the County Council did not seem aware that horses grazed at the southern end it was likely that a gate would be installed at that end to prevent horses wandering across the bridge.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to the County Council to establish positively that Authority's intentions.

(g) Number 28 Cowbridge Road, Pontyclun

Councillor Bath reported that both she and Councillor Burton had visited the premises at a time unknown to the proprietors. The premises were virtually empty and nothing untoward was found. ~~Both Councillor Bath and Burton saw the therapists' formal qualifications and formed the conclusion that the health and beauty business being run at the premises was bona fide.~~

(h) Footpath Number 328 at Talygarn

Members were told of the site meeting which had taken place on 10 April, 1985 following the request to divert the footpath.

Resolved: that the Clerk write to the Administrator at the Talygarn Rehabilitation Centre informing him of the unanimous decision of the Council in opposing the proposed diversion of the footpath on the grounds that the proposal would be to the detriment and enjoyment of the local community.

(i) Ivor Park, Brynsadler

Members were informed of the site meeting which had taken place on 22 April, 1985. The current state of the Park caused Members much concern and it was noted that the public footpath connecting the Park with High Street, Brynsadler was in danger of being built upon as a result of a private housing development adjacent to the Park.

Resolved:

- (i) that the Clerk write to Mr Evan G Jones (Builders) Ltd at Mwyndy pointing out that planning permission for the housing development was conditional upon the footpath not being stopped up, diverted or otherwise interfered with other than by due process of the law, and establishing his intentions.

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- (ii) that the Clerk contact the Forestry Commission with a view to arranging a site meeting with Mr Peter Charlesworth at 7.00 pm on 20 May, 1985 to discuss the management of the woodlands and the possibility of seeking grants to fund the work.
- (iii) that the Clerk write to Mr Phillip Lewis of Talygarn Farm to seek permission to move the stile bordering the Park and the "Soggy Field" approximately 10 yards to the right when viewed from the Park.
- (iv) that the Clerk contact the Clerk to the Llantrisant Community Council to find out the name of the contractor who undertook work at the Park with a view to requesting him to return to the Park to repair the damaged handrails on the bridge over the river Ely.
- (v) that the question of seats in the Park be deferred.
- (vi) that the Clerk contact both the Welsh Water Authority and the School Playing Fields Section of the Mid Glamorgan County Council to report a leaking sewage pipe at the rear of the premises used by the School Playing Field Section.

(j) Miskin Sewage Works

Members noted that following the discussion on this matter at their previous meeting the strong opposition of the Council to any further expansion of the existing works at Miskin had been reported prominently in the local Press, with reference being made to the unsuccessful scheme in Kendal, Cumbria. Councillor Bath agreed to provide Councillor S M Bowen with information to enable her to make further research. Councillor Bath also agreed to report back to the Council on the feelings of Miskin residents. Members requested that the subject be placed on the Agenda for the next Meeting where discussion will also encompass the tree felling at the site.

(k) Taff Ely Year Books

The Clerk reported that the municipal year for Taff Ely Borough Council commenced after the inauguration of the new Chairman in late May of each year. As a result the Year Books followed the same yearly pattern. An order had been placed with the Taff Ely Borough Council for 10 copies of the 1985/86 Year Book and it was hoped that these would be available in late June.

4. Talbot Green By-Pass

The Council noted the recent circular from the Mid Glamorgan County Council giving details of the proposals for the Talbot Green By-Pass including a plan and questionnaire for residents in the area.

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5. Community Noticeboards and Postboxes

Further discussion took place on the urgent need for Community Noticeboards and Postboxes. Members agreed that there should be five Noticeboards and accompanying Postboxes placed throughout the Community and that when they had been installed they would incorporate a bilingual heading and include the Council's logo.

Resolved:

- (i) that the Chairman would arrange for drawings of Noticeboards and Postboxes to be produced with a view to possibly involving the services of the Rehabilitation Centre at Talygarn.
- (ii) that urgent arrangements be made for the installation of a Community Postbox in the Pontyclun Post Office inviting suggestions from the public.

6. Community Logo

Consideration was given by the Council to the adaption of a Community logo. There was general agreement that there should be community involvement in the design of the logo and Members were in favour of a competition where school children could be invited to submit their designs.

Resolved: that a working party comprising the Chairman, Councillors I D Bowen and Francis, together with the Clerk, meet on Wednesday, 22 May, 1985 to discuss detailed arrangements.

7. Venues of future Meetings

The Clerk reported on the correspondence received from the County Librarian about the possible use of the Pontyclun Library by the Council for its Meetings. The County Librarian had no objection to the Council using the Library subject to the payment of a flat rate fee of £6.95 for the first three hours of use. Members expressed surprise at the relatively high cost of the use of the premises. It was known that other groups used the Library and it was believed that they did not incur the charges being quoted to the Council.

Resolved: that the next Meeting of the Council take place at the Pontyclun Community Centre on 3 June 1985 at 7.30 pm and that Members approach those other bodies known to be using the Library to ascertain the charges they were required to pay.

8. Notice of Motion

Councillor Dr I D Bowen gave notice that he wished to discuss the employment of a part-time employee at the Council's next Meeting.

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9. Any Other Business

- (a) Members were told of a footpath near the Hendy Farm, Pontyclun where a wooden stile for which the Council was responsible, had completely rotted away and needed replacement.

Resolved: that as the Council had not yet organised a labour-force to undertake such work that the Clerk be instructed to write to Mr Viv Thomas the farmer at Hendy Farm, authorising him, on this occasion only, to renew the stile, on a fix and supply basis, and to invoice the Council for the costs incurred. The invoice submitted for payment should be itemised to show materials and labour separately.

- (b) Pavements at Brynamlwg, Pontyclun

Members heard that the pavements at Brynamlwg had deteriorated considerably in recent years and that much replacement work was needed.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Taff Ely Borough Council conveying the concern of the Council and asking for remedial works to be carried out as a matter of urgency.

- (c) Groesfaen Village Signposts

Members expressed concern about the deterioration in the signs bearing the name Groesfaen at either end of the village.

Resolved: that the Clerk pursue the matter with the Mid Glamorgan County Council as highways authority, with a view to replacing both signs.

- (d) Allocation of Grants by the Council

Concern was expressed by Members that the Council had not yet established a procedure for the allocation of grants to non-profit making organisations within the Community.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Llantrisant Community Council to establish the procedure operating in that Authority and to obtain samples of any documents in existence used in the allocation of grants. Members requested that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the Council's next Meeting with particular reference to the grant normally made to the Allotments ~~Committee~~ in Pontyclun.

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- (e) Misrepresentation by the Press

Members expressed their serious concern over recent reports in the Llantrisant Observer linking the Council with the provision of a minibus service to local shops for certain of the Community's residents. The Chairman informed Members that he had

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personally written to the Editor of the Llantrisant Observer refuting any suggestion that the minibus service was in any way connected with the activities of the Council. It was hoped that the Editor of the Llantrisant Observer would print the letter in a future edition but that if any Member wished to see a copy of his letter a copy was available with the Clerk.

(f) Dumping of rubbish in "Tucker's Lane", Pontyclun

Members heard of complaints which had been received about the dumping of rubbish in "Tucker's Lane" at the rear of the Community Centre. It was the opinion of Members that the problem was strictly one for the Taff Ely Borough Council since that Authority had a statutory responsibility for providing an effective refuse collection service.

Resolved: that the Clerk contact the Taff Ely Borough Council for clarification on whether there was any objection to the Council erecting signs to discourage Community Hall users from depositing rubbish in "Tucker's Lane". Members requested that the matter be placed on the Agenda for the next Council Meeting.

(g) Procedure for dealing with notices of planning applications received from the Taff Ely Borough Council

The Clerk reported that since the last Meeting of the Council he had received two notifications from the Taff Ely Borough Council of planning applications within the Borough. The Clerk asked the Council whether it wished to formulate a procedure for dealing with future notifications.

Resolved: that for every application on the notifications falling within the Community area the Clerk establish when that application will be decided by the Taff Ely Borough Council, where the date of decision is after the next Meeting of the Community Council then the notification is to be circulated with the Agenda for the Community Council's Meeting. Where the date of decision is before the next Community Council Meeting a Meeting of the Planning Committee is to be convened.

(h) Supplies of cleaning materials for the public toilets

The Clerk reported that following the practice of the former Llantrisant Community Council he had obtained a further limited supply of cleaning materials from the local supplier.

Resolved: that the Clerk investigate the possibility of obtaining further supplies of cleaning materials through the Supplies Department of the Mid Glamorgan County Council.

10. The Meeting ended at 10.35 pm.

R. Kennell